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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1241

voting equipment; ballots; receipt

Purpose

Requires an electronic voting system to provide a paper receipt to the voter at the time the voter's ballot is received for tabulation. Requires the paper receipt to state whether to voter's ballot was tabulated or rejected and the reasoning for rejection if applicable.

Background

A county board of supervisors or other authority in charge of elections must have a sufficient number of voting booths and voting or marking devices delivered to each polling place. Before any election at which electronic voting devices are used, the county board of supervisors or other authority in charge of elections must have the voting devices prepared for the election (A.R.S. § 16-447).

An electronic voting system consisting of a voting or marking device in combination with vote tabulating equipment must provide facilities for voting for candidates at both primary and general elections. The vote tabulating equipment must reject choices recorded on the elector's ballot if the number of choices exceeds the number that the elector is entitled to vote for the office or on the measure. An electronic voting system must prevent the elector from voting for the same person more than once for the same office (A.R.S. § 16-446).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Requires an electronic voting system to provide a paper receipt to the voter at the time the voter's ballot is received for tabulation.
- 2. Requires the paper receipt provided to a voter to state whether the voter's ballot was tabulated or rejected and, if rejected, the reason for the rejection.
- 3. Specifies that the requirement that a paper receipt be provided to a voter does not apply to a voter who votes with an early or provisional ballot.
- 4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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